

CLAIMS

1. A computer accessory, comprising:
 - 2 an auxiliary battery; and
 - 4 a port replicator;
- 4 the auxiliary battery and the port replicator integrated into a single unit.
2. A computer accessory, comprising:
 - 2 a docking connector;
 - 4 a battery;
- 4 at least one communication port;
- 5 a connection from the docking connector to the battery; and
- 6 a connection from the docking connector to the communication port;
- 5 the battery powering a computer connected to the docking connector.
3. The computer accessory of claim 2, wherein the docking connector is configured
 - 2 to engage a mating connector on the computer.
4. The computer accessory of claim 2, further comprising a housing configured to
 - 2 attach to the computer.
5. The computer accessory of claim 2, wherein the computer accessory is configured
 - 2 to attach to the bottom of the computer.
6. The computer accessory of claim 2, further comprising at least one hook feature,
 - 2 configured to engage a receiving feature on the portable computer.
7. The computer accessory of claim 2, further comprising a releasing mechanism
 - 2 which, when actuated, disengages computer accessory from the computer.

8. The computer accessory of claim 2, wherein the computer accessory can be
2 attached to and detached from the computer without the use of tools.
9. The computer accessory of claim 2, wherein the docking connector connects to
2 the computer through a cable.
10. The computer accessory of claim 2, further comprising a receptacle for accepting
2 power from an external power source.
11. The computer accessory of claim 10 wherein the external power source is a source
2 of mains power.
12. The computer accessory of claim 10, wherein the power received from the
2 external source can be used to recharge the battery.
13. The computer accessory of claim 2 wherein the at least one communication port
2 includes at least one Universal Serial Bus port.
14. A system, comprising the computer-accessory of claim 2 connected to a computer.
15. The system of claim 14, wherein the computer accessory is attached to the
2 computer.
16. The system of claim 15, wherein the computer accessory is attached to the bottom
2 of the computer.
17. The system of claim 14 wherein the computer is a portable computer.
18. The system of claim 14, wherein the computer accessory is connected to the
2 computer through a cable.

19. A computer accessory, comprising:

- 2 means for making an electrical connection between the computer accessory and a computer;
- 4 means for supplying electrical energy to the computer, from a battery comprised in the computer accessory, through the electrical connecting means; and
- 6 means for connecting the computer to at least one peripheral device through the electrical connection means.

20. The computer accessory of claim 18, further comprising means for mechanically

- 2 attaching the computer accessory to the portable computer.